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STATE FOR A/SY/T; ATHENS, FRANKFURT, TEHRAN FOR RTC/TSO

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SUBJ: FY/76 CCTV REQUISITIONS

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1. DATA BELOW IS FOR NEA POSTS ONLY EXCLUDING TSO DELHI AND TEHRAN AREAS. NUMBERS FOR NEA AREA INCLUDING EGYPT NOW COVERED BY ATHENS ARE GIVEN IN PARENTHESIS. TSO ATHENS MAY WISH TO CORRECT OR, IF ATHENS SUBMISSION COVERS EX-RTC BEIRUT MIDEAST POSTS, NUMBERS IN PAREN MAY BE DISREGARDED ENTIRELY.

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3. WE ALSO EXPECT TO RECEIVE CONSIDERABLE CCTV EQUIPMENT FROM RTC BEIRUT CLOSURE. INCLUDED ARE A LARGE NUMBER OF ITEMS 232 AND 233, AT LEAST FOUR NEW CAMERA/CBMZ/ZOOM LENS SYSTEMS, AND QUANTITIES OF REMAINING ITEMS APPROXIMATELY EQUAL TO COLUMN A ENTRIES.

4. FIGURES IN PAREN ARE IN ANTICIPATION OF REQUIREMENTS FOR ONE INDOOR SYSTEM AT DAMASCUS, TWO INDOOR SYSTEMS AT SANAA, TWO OUTDOOR SYSTEMS AT SANAA, ONE INDOOR SYSTEM AT CAIRO AND ONE OUTDOOR SYSTEM AT CAIRO.

5. REQUEST SIX EACH 6MM, THREE EACH 12.5MM FIXED FOCUS LENSES.

6. EXPECT TO SEE INCREASING USAGE OF 5" MONITORS. RECOMMEND STOCKING OF CONCORD UNIT PERMITTING THREE-ABREAST COMPACT MOUNTING
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OF 5" MONITORS. RECOMMEND PROCUREMENT OF CONTROL UNIT SIZED TO MATCH 5" MONITORS. WOULD ALSO NOTE THAT 5" MONITOR HAS PROVED 100 PERCENT RELIABLE. HAVE YET TO EXPERIENCE FIRST FAILURE.

7. BELEIVE D/N CAMERA WILL BECOME STANDARD EXTERIOR SYSTEM. URGE "SMEAR" PROBLEM BE COMPLITELY SOLVED IF AT ALL POSSIBLE. PERHAPS SUBSTITUTION OF MORE EXPENSIVE VIDICON IS AN ANSWER.

8. BELIEVE 9" MONITORS HAS LESS THAN DESIREABLE AMOUNT OF VIDEO GAIN. IF MEMORY SERVES, ONE VOLT PEAK-TO-PEAK VIDEO SIGNAL IS DESIGN INPUT WHILE ONE-HALF VOLT IS MTC-21 DESIGN OUTPUT. CHARACTERISTICALLY WASHED-OUT PICTURE RESULTS.

9. SEVERAL FAILURES HAVE BEEN TRACED TO WATER IN CABLE. WHILE CABLE AND CONNECTOR ARE WEATHER RESISTANT, FACTORY INSTALLATION IS EXTREMELY POOR. RECOMMEND CONNECTORS BE MOUNTED IN WEATHER-PROOF FASHION. APPLICABLE MIL-SPEC MAY PROVIDE GUIDE. RECOMMEND PROCUREMENT WEATHERPROOF SPLICE JACKETS FOR RETROFIT AS TAPE AND OTHER FIELD EXPEDIENTS WILL NOT HOLD UP FOR LONG.

10. AFTER YEARS OF RELATIVELY TROUBLE-FREE USE OF TYPE PT550M PAN/TILT MOUNT, HAVE HAD A RASH OF MOTOR FAILURES ON NEW PROCUREMENT. MANUFACTURER'S QUALITY CONTROL BELIEVED AT FAULT.

11. RTC BEIRUT PRACTICE HAS ALWAYS BEEN TO ATTEMPT TO USE POST PERSONNEL TO EFFECT FIXES WHENEVER POSSIBLE TO SAVE TSO TRIPS. OVERALL SUCCESS RATE WAS PROBABLY 20 PERCENT. THREE TRIPS SAVED IN 1975 (TWO TO TUNIS AND ONE TO JERUSALEM) JUSTIFIES THIS APPROACH. BUT DISADVANTAGES ARE SEVERE, AND ATTEMPT SHOULD BE MADE ONLY WHEN NEED IS ACUTE OR WHEN YOU KNOW THE CAPABILITIES OF THE MAN AT THE OTHER END. IN ADDITION TO TOTAL FAILURE TO FIX THE PROBLEM WE HAVE SUFFERED (A) WILDLY INACCURATE DESCRIPTIONS OF PROBLEMS (B) FAILURE TO TAKE ANY ACTION WHATSOEVER WHEN REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT ARRIVED (C) FAILURE TO RETURN EXCESS EQUIPMENT, FROM NEGLIGENCE AND FROM A DESIRE TO HAVE SPARES AT POST, AND (D) DAMAGE TO RETURNED EQUIPMENT THROUGH FAULTY PACKING. IN SUMMARY USE OF POST PERSONNEL IS NOT A GOOD GENERAL PRACTICE BUT CAN BE VERY HELPFUL IN THE RARE CASES WHERE A COMPETENT TECHNICIAN IS AVAILABLE. THE WIDESPREAD IMPRESSION THAT SEABEES CAN FIX CCTV'S IS ERRONEOUS IN MOST CASES.

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12. CONCORD BOOK IS ADEQUATE. SUGGEST MODS, RETROFITS, TUNING ADVISE ISSUED FROM TIME TO TIME TERMATED FOR DIRECT INCLUSION.
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